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PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE

LA PARK, PA.
ESTABLISHED 1871.



**100 Single Tulips, 100 Double Tulips,
Three Giant Hyacinths and Three Big Daffodils.**

THESE, Kind Reader, will all be yours by Parcel Post if you send me a club of 20 subscribers to Park's Floral Magazine this month at 15 cts. each (\$3.00). And each subscriber will get 10 Double and Single Tulips as a premium with the Magazine one year. These mixed Tulips are made up of the finest named sorts of all colors and markings. They will make a splendid bed. Plant now, and they will bloom in the spring. If the ground is frozen scrape the surface, set the bulbs and cover with coal ashes, earth or stable litter—anything to protect them; in spring they will form roots. You will be surprised and delighted with the display. I guarantee satisfaction. Order and plant this month. Address

GEO. W. PARK, LaPark, Pa.

P. S. If your club is not full I'll mail you 10 Tulips for each name sent.



Select Your Seeds Now.

1 Packet, 5 cts.; 5 Packets, 25 cts.; 11 Packets, 50 cts.; 23 Packets, \$1.00; 35 Packets, \$1.50; 48 Packets., \$2.00. Park's Floral Magazine a year included with every order of 5 or more Packets. If Magazine is not wanted, 2 Packets, my choice, will be added.

BLOOM FIRST SEASON.

Abronia umbellata, the Sand Verbena.
Acacia, a beautiful sort from Florida.
Ageratum, finest mixed.
Agrostemma Coeli-rosa.
Alyssum, sweet, mixed.
Amaranthus, best mixt.



Antirrhinum, new Orchid-flowering, mixed.
Tall sorts, large fl'w'd mxd.
Semi-dwarf, large, mixed.
Tom Thumb, dwarf, mxd.
These are unsurpassed for beds or cut flowers.
Anthemis Kelwayi, bears a profusion of gold daisies.
Anemone, St. Brigid, mxd
Argemone, mixed.
Aster, Ostrich-feather, mxd
Giant Perfection, "
Christmas-tree "
All varieties

Balsam, Royal, red, rose.
Park's Camellia-flow., mxd
Prince Bismark, salmon.
Giant Blood Red, fine.
Dwarf, Double, mixed.
Camellia-fl., spotted, mxd
All varieties, mixed.
My Balsams are all double and of the finest strains.

Basil, Sweet, delicious.

Bellis, dbl., English Daisy
Monstrosa, white, rose.
Monstrosa, mixed.

These are Giant Daisies of the best quality.

Brachycome, Swan River
Daisy, New Star, white, blue, red, mixed.

Browallia, blue, white, purple, mixed

Easily grown in bed or pot

Calendula grandiflora, easily grown from seeds.
Double orange, sulphur, orange striped, sulphur striped; Single white; mxd

Calliopsis, Double, mxd
Bicolor, Dwarf, mixed.
New superb hybrids, mxd

Canna, New Gladiolus-fl. Finest mixed.

Candytuft, all sorts mxd
Campanula, annual, mxd
Capcium, Pepper, mxd.

Carnation, Imp. Early-fl. Finest double, all colors.

Carthamus tinctorius.
Catchfly, mixed colors.

Celosia Cristata, Coxcomb
Dwarf sorts mixed.

Empress, crimson, for beds
Thompsoni magnifica, red
Magnifica, golden yellow
Magnifica, mixed.

Centaurea Cyanus, d'ble, blue, white, rose, variegated and mxd, Bach-Button.
Depressa, King of Blue-bottles, fine for cutting.
Suaevoleus, Sweet Sultan.
Odorata, sweet, mixed.
All sorts mixed.

Cheiranthus maritimus.

Clarkia, Elegans, double white, rose, salmon, purple, striped, mixed. Splendid summer-bloom. annu'l

Chrysanthemum, annual, showy, free and continuous-blooming, mixed.
Coronarium, double, mxd
Hybridum fimbriatum, double, fine mixed,
All sorts mixed.

Collinsia, mixed
Cosmidium, velvety red.
Cynoglossum, mixed
Dahlia, Double, mixed.
Margined and striped.
Coronata, sweet-scented
All sorts mixed.

These are as easily grown as Zinnias, and bloom freely the first season.

Dianthus, beautiful, single and double Japanese
Pinks. Finest mxd sorts.

Dimorphotheca Aurantiaca, the new South African Golden Daisy.

Dracocephalum, Bee Balm, mixed.

Erodium gruinum.
Eschscholtzia, Cal. Poppy
Finest mixed

Eutoca viscidula, white, blue mixed

Gaura Lindheimeri,
Godetia, superb for beds, white, carmine, rose, single and double, mixed.

Helianthus, Sunflower, large, red.

Small-flowered, mixed
Double, green-centered.
Uniflorus, large, single.
All sorts mixed.

Ice Plant, an odd, icy plant for pots or beds.

Kentworth Ivy, for baskets, and carpeting beds; does well in shade.

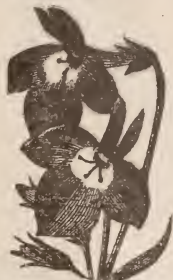
Lavendula, Lavender, scented foliage.

Lavatera trimestris, Dwarf Hollyhock, white, rose, mixed, makes a fine screen or hedge.

Leptosiphon, mixed.

Linaria, charming, Snapdragon-like annual; white, purple, yellow, strip'd, mxd

Linum grandiflorum, Scarlet Flax, grand annual



Lobelia, pretty basket and edging plant, Hambergia, Barnards Perpet'l, mixed.
Compacta Snowball, white.

Lupinus nanus, white, violet, blue, scarlet, mixed.

Lychnis Haageana, mxd.
Malva crispa, often 10 feet high, one erect stalk, clothed with large, fringed leaves that retain their beauty till snow flies.

Marigold, African, Tall, double, mixed.
Dwarf, double, mixed.
French, double, mixed.

French, single, mixed.
Lucida, yellow, very fragrant, in clusters.

Malope grandiflora, mixed.
Matricaria capensis fl. pl. double, pure white Feverfew; free-blooming, fine.

Martynia proboscidea.
Mignonette, Sweet, deliciously scented spikes of bloom; white, yellow, red, mxd

Mimulus, Monkey Flower, exquisite, large, spotted flowers in profusion; fine for shady beds or baskets.

Mirabilis, Four-o'clock, Dwarf variegated-leaved; all colors, separate or mxd

Myosotis, Forget-me-not, blue, white, rose, in clusters, mixed, charming.

Nemesia, new Strumosa hybrids; carmine, scarlet, cream, yellow, spotted, mxd

Nicotiana affinis, white, fragrant. Hybrids mixed.

Nigella Damascena, mxd,



Pansy, French, large-flowered, all colors, mixed.

Pansy, Orchid-fl'w'g, mxd
Pansy, Brown's Giant, very fine, mixed.

Petunia, Large-flowered, plain and fringed, mixed.

Petunia, new Compact Bedding, fine colors, mxd

Phlox Drummondii, large-flowered, very fine, mixed

Poppy, Park's Giant Carnation-flowered, very double, in a wonderful variety of colors and variegations, mixed.

Poppy, Peony-flowered, large d'ble flowers, mixed.

Poppy, Shirley, exquisite single flowers, lovely colors, yellow stamens, mxd.

Poppy, Shirley, New Dwarf, finest mixed.

Portulaca, Flowering Moss, low succulent, free-blooming, ever-blooming annuals for beds or window boxes in summer. Single mixed, Double mixed.

Single and Double mixed.
Ricinus, Castor Bean, mxd

Rudbeckia Sullivanti, a grand, hardy, golden-flowered perennial; makes a gorgeous bed.

Rudbeckia Newmanii, Similar but more dwarf.

Rudbeckia, all sorts mxd
Salpiglossis, New Emperor, mixed

Salvia splendens, elegant bedding or pot plant; scarlet, produced all summer.

Scabiosa, Mourning Bride, a lovely annual; pretty flowers upon long, strong stems, mixed. Also New Dwarf, mixed.

Schizanthus, new large-flowered Butterfly flower; Fairy-like flowers on slender stems; mixed.

Schizanthus Wisetonensis excelsior, a very superior, showy sort, fine for pots

Senecio elegans, fine bedding annual; double, mxd

Solanum, annuals prized for their growth, flowers or fruit. Mixed varieties.

Sphenogyne speciosa, Daisy-like flowers in fine yellow shades and variegations; free-blooming; fine for beds, mixed.

Ten Weeks Stock, easily grown, free-blooming annual; large, double, fragrant many-colored flowers in spikes throughout the season. New Mammoth, mixed; Dwarf German, mixed; Giant of Nice, mixed; Giant Perfection, mixed; all varieties mxd.

Tropaeolum, Tom Thumb 9 inches high, very free-blooming, excellent for beds; finest mixed. Also T. Liliput mixed.

Verbena, Large-flowered, Fragrant; fine for beds or pots; continuous blooming; mixed. I can also supply Mammoth, mxd colors.

Virginia Stock, very free blooming annual for beds or pots; grows in masses; white to scarlet, mixed.

Venidium calendulaeum, Daisy-like golden flowers, freely borne all the season; very pretty.

Viscaria oculata, showy annual in masses; white, blue, rose, red, spotted, mxd

Viola, Tufted Pansy, flowers fragrant, many colors.

Wallflower, Parisian, sweet-scented flowers, yellow, cream, brown, mxd.

Zinnia, Finest double; Mammoth, 4 feet tall, huge double flowers, mixed colors; Bedding Zinnias, 2 ft. high, all colors, mixed.

ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

Agrostis nebulosa; Antiochianum odoratum or Sweet Vernal Grass; *Avena* or Animated Oat; *Briza* Maxima and B. Minima; *Eragrostis* elegans; *Euchlenia* luxurians; *Hordeum*; *Coix* or Job's Tears; *Panicum virgatum*; *P. capillare* violaceum; *Pennisetum Rupe-pellianum*; *Zea quadricolor* or Striped Corn.

EVERLASTING FLOWERS.

Gomphrena or German Clover mixed; *Gypsophila* mixed; *Helipterum*, golden flowers; all varieties mixed.

ORNAMENTAL CLIMBERS.

Cardiospermum, Balloon Vine, 8 feet, a graceful, lovely climber.



Cobaea scandens, grows 30 feet, lovely foliage, big purple bells on graceful stems; give string support.

Gourd, all sorts mixed.

Maurandya, mixed.

Morning Glory, Japan mixed. Also the Old-fashioned mixed.

Scarlet Runner, very pretty, everbl'ng climber; scarlet flowers in clusters.

Cardinal climber, new.

Sweet Pea, Large flowered, finest varieties, all colors, mixed, 1-4 lb. 25 cents, oz. 10 cents; pkt. 5 cts. Cupid mixed, same prices.

Thunbergia alata, free-blooming and beautiful vines, 8 feet high; blooms well in the South in winter, and in pots in windows at the North; mixed.

BIENNIALS and PERENNIALS.

These are the "poor man's flowers," for when once established in the garden they will take care of themselves, and bloom freely every year. The plants are easily grown from seeds.



Arabis alpina, white.

Agrostemma coronaria, 2 ft. high; white, red, mxd.

Anchusa, Dropmore, mxd.

Aster, perennial, mixed.

Aquilegia, finest varieties, single, double, mixed.

Campanula, Canterbury Bell, 2 ft. high, branching, forming a miniature tree covered with large, handsome bells; single and double; white, rose, blue, striped; separate or mxd.

Also **C. Calycanthema** mxd

Campanula rotundifolia.

Carnation, hardy garden, fine, double, richly scented flowers of many colors.

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Coreopsis, splendid, long-stemmed golden flowers, fine for cutting.

Digitalis, Foxglove, spikes of lovely drooping bells, all colors, mixed.

Gaillardia grandiflora, showy flowers on long stems; excellent for beds, fine for cutting, mixed.

Hollyhock, finest English double; also Fig-leaved single, mixed.

Isatis Glauca, yellow.

Lencanthemum, Shasta Daisy, Alaska, pure white.

Lencanthemum, Westralia. All varieties mixed.

Lythrum Salicaria, rosy.

Poppy, Perennial, huge flowers on stems 3 ft. high.

Pyrethrum, New Hybrids, finest mixed.

Pea, Perennial, everbl'ng hardy vine, 6 feet, mixed.

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Pentstemon, fine var'ties

Ranunculus Asiaticus.

Rocket, Sweet, Phlox-like, richly scented, mixed.

Silene, Orientalis, pink.

Sweet William, single and double, all colors mxd

Tunica saxifraga, a hardy edging, rose flower.

Venidium calendulaceum yellow, Daisy-like flowers.

Verbascum, 5 feet, mxd.

Veronica Syriaca, mixed.

Wallflower, hardy, mxd.

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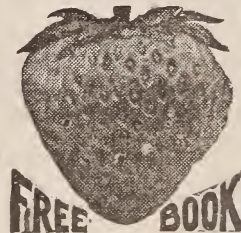
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JANUARY.

Now the seeds below are sleeping,
In their frost-bound tomb they lie,
But how soon they'll come a'peeping
Paragon's of bloom espy.

Shelby, Ida.

Aubrey Parker.

NARCISSUS AMONG SHRUBS.

ONE OF THE most hardy and tenacious of bulbous plants is the Narcissus, the large trumpet varieties, both double and single of which are known as Daffodils.

Once planted they will remain in good condition for years, regularly appearing every spring, and throwing up their big golden fra-

grant graceful flowers in great abundance. The bulbs defy the action of frost, and are not eaten by gophers, which are so troublesome to Tulips in sections where this pest abounds. The bulbs only become flowerless when they become so deeply imbedded in the soil and so crowded that their strength is exhausted in reaching the surface. For this reason they should be lifted, separated and replanted every fourth or fifth year. The reason the bulbs go deeper in the earth each year is that the new bulbs are formed at the base of the old ones, and as the old bulbs die the new bulbs become more deeply imbedded each season.

The little illustration here given shows how

a bed of shrubbery can be made attractive in early spring, before the foliage has developed, by planting Narcissus bulbs promiscuously among the shrubs. As soon as the genial sunshine and gentle showers of spring melts the snow at the north the pretty strap-like leaves begin to push above the surface, and shortly the plump little flower-buds will be seen peeping out from among them. Quickly the stems lengthen, and almost before you are aware of it the lovely, half-drooping golden blooms are nodding at you and spilling upon the air their delightful perfume.

The planting can be done at anytime until March, as the Narcissus bulbs are not easily injured by contact with air. Set them six inches

apart and cover four inches deep, firming the soil, then mulching with stable litter. The later the bulbs are set the later will the plants bloom, and for early flowers it is better to plant during autumn.

If you want a permanent bed of hardy bulbous flowers—a bed that can be depended upon for a fine display of flowers every spring—plant Narcissus. The bulbs will thrive among shrubbery, in



NARCISSUS AMONG SHRUBBERY.

the Rose bed, in grassy nooks about the place, or along the shady paths. Their sweet, nodding golden blooms are like bits of bright sunshine, and their fragrance, rich and inimitable, is a rare source of delight. They beautify the brown earth of early spring, and when cut they are exquisite for a table vase.

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Coffee Grounds.—A subscriber would like to know if coffee grounds are useful as a fertilizer. They are sometimes recommended as such, but it would seem that their chief benefit would be in loosening and making porous, tenacious soil. They are certainly not valuable as a fertilizer.

Potting Primroses.—In potting Primroses be careful not to set the plants too deep. If set below the point where the leaves are attached to the stem, the crown is liable to rot off, destroying the plants. It is better to set the plants too shallow than too deep, and, if necessary to fill in later, apply sharp sand.

Grape Fruit.—A Grape fruit tree should be grafted or budded, using a graft or bud taken from a blooming tree. The grafting should be done just before the growth begins, and the budding at the close of the season, or when the sap is returning. At either time the bark will be loose, so that the graft can be readily set or the bud inserted.

Fresh Slacked Lime.—What is generally referred to as fresh slacked lime is the lime-stone fresh burned and slacked with water. This is sharper and better than that slacked by the air. It will thus turn into dust, and can be used in that form to dust over the foliage affected with a fungus; or, it is better to mix it with an equal amount of sulphur. Apply with a dust bag. The lime and sulphur in dust form may also be spread over the surface and worked into the soil, a heaping teaspoonful being used for a five-inch pot. Lime water is made by placing the quick lime into water, stirring it and allowing it to settle. A pint of lime is sufficient for a gallon of water. If wanted stronger more lime can be used, but only a certain amount will be taken up by the water. This lime water is useful in sweetening the soil and in getting rid of earth worms which cannot endure it. For earth worms use strong lime water, applying it freely when the soil is almost dry. In the course of two or three hours, pure warm water can be applied to wash out the surplus lime water which might prove injurious to the plants.

LEOPARD PLANT.

FARFUGIUM GRANDE is the so-called Leopard Plant, which, as a rule, is a satisfactory foliage plant for the window.

The leaves, however, are sometimes attacked by a fungus which causes them to turn brown in spots and finally die. When a plant is so affected cut away and burn the diseased leaves as soon as they become affected, and stir some lime and sulphur into the surface soil. When spring comes bed the plant at the south or east side of the house and let it remain there until fall. The fresh air treatment thus given will eradicate the disease and promote a healthy growth. In the fall repot and

place in the window. The plant likes a compost of fibrous loam, chip dirt, sand and well-rotted manure, equal parts thoroughly



FARFUGIUM GRANDE.

mixed. See that the drainage is good. In winter give it a retired place and water sparingly, but water freely in summer when the plant is growing.

Pansies for Market.—Among the easily grown plants for the market are Pansies, which should be started from seeds in August. When large enough these can be transplanted to a bed where they will develop and become strong enough to begin blooming in autumn. In early spring lift them and set them three inches apart in a small flat or shallow tray, setting a dozen in each receptacle. These plants will soon begin to bloom, and the lot with tray can be sold at 25, 50 or 75 cents, according to the demand. Dwarf Snapdragons, Gaillardias, Coreopsis, Double Daisies, and many other perennial seedling plants can be grown and offered in the same way. Pansies, however, are the earliest to bloom, and the most popular and profitable of the lot.

Geranium Fungus.—A subscriber in New York State complains that her Geraniums and Petunias are troubled with a pest, which causes the leaves to dry up and drop off almost as soon as they develop. The sample leaves sent are affected by a fungus. She should gather and burn the leaves that are affected, and dust the remaining foliage with sulphur and quick-lime, equal parts, well mixed; apply it to both sides of the foliage by means of a dust bag. Avoid direct sunlight while the dust is upon the foliage.

Nitrate of Soda.—This material comes in crystalized form not unlike that of rock salt. It will dissolve in water, and a teaspoonful is sufficient for two gallons of water. It is a very concentrated fertilizer and must be used cautiously.

FLOWERS IN WINTER.

THE ILLUSTRATION on this page shows a room display of bulbous flowers in winter — Tulips, Hyacinths, Narcissus, Cyclamen, Sparaxis and Ixias. The reader may not be as successful with all of these flowers as indicated in the sketch, but with experience and care a display approaching this can be secured.

Perhaps the chief requisite to successful bulb culture is to have the bulbs well rooted. Such things as *Arum cornutum* and *Colchicum autumnale* will develop flowers direct from the unrooted bulb, but Tulip, Hyacinth and Narcissus bulbs will not bloom unless well-rooted. The buds may push out until they can be seen, then they will blight.

The second requisite is a moist, rather cool

TREATING PLANT PESTS.

THE MOST common pest of house plants is the green louse, and this can readily be destroyed by fumigating with tobacco.

The fumes should be confined about the plant, which can be done by placing a paper hood over the plant, or setting the plant under a box with a pan of live coals, upon which the wet tobacco stems or leaves are placed. Two or three fumigations may be necessary, these being given at intervals of about three days. After you get rid of the pest upon the foliage, placed chopped tobacco stems over the earth in the pot and the pest will not appear again.

The so-called red spider is a diminutive mite that infests the underside of the leaves, spinning a very fine web and causing the leaves to turn yellow and drop off. Badly infested leaves



DISPLAY OF BULBOUS FLOWERS.

atmosphere. The hot, dry air of the ordinary living room will often blight the buds even when the bulbs are well rooted. To overcome this condition place shallow open pans of water upon the radiator, register or stove, so that the evaporation may supply the air with moisture. All house plants, as well as people, are benefited by keeping the air in the room moist, and not too hot.

To avoid green lice place chopped tobacco stems over the soil in the pots. This pest is especially troublesome upon Tulips, and it is well to place the stems over the soil when the bulbs are potted, so the lice may not gain a foot-hold upon the growth of leaves and buds when it starts.

should be gathered and burned, and the plants can then be immersed in warm soap suds into which a teaspoonful of kerosene oil to a gallon of suds has been well mixed. Several applications will be necessary to get rid of this pest.

The white fly is one of the most troublesome of insects to get rid of. Perhaps the best remedy is lime-sulphur solution diluted with fifteen parts water. Apply this upon the underside of the leaves. Several sprayings at intervals of one week may be necessary to eradicate it.

The Mealy bug is a soft insect that nests in the fork of tender plants, such as *Coleus*, *Impatiens*, etc. Rub the nests away and syringe the plants with Quassia Chips tea as warm as the hand will bear. Several applications at intervals of three days may be necessary.

Editorial Letter.

MY DEAR FRIENDS: Once more at the North we are in the midst of the stern winter season, with its snow and ice and bitter cold. As we sit by the glowing fire and listen to the cold wind whistling around the corners and moaning through the evergreens, we think of those who do not have warm clothing and a warm house to shelter them; we think of the poor dumb brutes in forest and mountain that have to endure the cold unprotected; and we think of the wild birds that often suffer from hunger as well as chilling wind day and night when the earth is covered with snow. As we call these things to mind our heart goes out in sympathy to man and beast alike and we cannot repress a shade of sadness that steals over us, even upon the near approach of the glad Christmas time.



Wild birds that suffer

But as I write this evening I look out from my window, and a glorious winter landscape is revealed, surpassing the power of words to describe, or brush to portray. The lovely white snowflakes, pure and fluffy, are quietly falling, falling—as it were chasing each other down from heaven to earth to cover its barrenness and make it bright and beautiful. The lawns and hedges, fields and fences, hills and house-tops are all under a fleecy robe, and the trees and shrubs and plants are a graceful mass of white, charmingly attractive. Surmounting the hill that forms the western horizon I see the hazy outlines of the little snow-covered church with its belfry and spire, nestled among the tall maples, that seem to stand as guardsmen. To the south the distant view is cut off by a group of evergreens and some huge spreading poplars with great, strong arms that have defied the blasts of many years. I look and listen and admire. How beautiful—supremely beautiful is this magnificent white landscape as the shades of evening gather, and the day fades into night. The scene is heavenly, and the eye and mind linger—linger—until darkness obstructs the view and calls us away. The sound of merry bells are now heard, and with it the joyous word and song and laughter of those who are light-hearted and gay, reveling in winter's joys and winter's sports. And as these thoughts come to me, I am reminded of the little school song we



Snow-covered church.

enjoyed years ago during the music hour at the old locust-shaded school-house by the country road:

Oh, swift we go o'er the fleecy snow,
Where moonbeams sparkle round;
When hoofs keep time to music's chime,
As merrily on we bound.

Refrain: As merrily on, as merrily on,
As merrily on we bound.

On winter's night, when our hearts are light
And breath is on the wind,
We loose the rein and sweep the plain,
And leave our cares behind. [Refrain]



With laugh and song we glide along,
Across the fleeting snow,
With friends beside, how swift we ride,
The beautiful track below. [Refrain.]

The raging sea has joys for me
When gale and tempest roar;
But give me the speed of the foaming steed,
And I'll ask for waves no more. [Refrain.]

My dear Friends, the sweets of life are ours day by day from the cradle to the grave, if we only know how to appreciate and enjoy them. In summer we may revel in them when the earth is warmed by the bright sunshine, and moistened by the sparkling dew and gentle showers; when the birds are singing and the flowers blooming, and the evening air resounds with the rasp of the cricket, and the sweet, sad notes of the whip-poor-will. We may then recognize earth's joys and beauty all around us. But when we contemplate nature as revealed in the winter season, may we not find her charms almost, if not quite, as attractive? The scenes are then different but charming, the social pleasures entrancing, and the joys of life equally delightful. Is it not in the long winter evenings that the family gathers around the big lamp in the home library to read, study and converse together? Is it not then that private socials are enjoyed, and visits made to distant friends, and that sleighing parties are in order? Truly the beautiful winter scenes, and these entertainments inspire feelings of joy and gratitude and contentment. We hear the joy-bells ringing from every church belfry in mid-winter, and the gift spirit and good-will feeling then touches every heart and draws us nearer together, making the world better and happier. Thus winter at the north vies with the summer season in its charms and pleasing attractions.



Nature revealed in winter

Geo. W. Park.

LaPark, Pa., Dec. 18, 1916.

CALLA LILY.

MRS. BONNER, of Va., has a white Calla and a yellow Calla, neither of which are thriving. She should pot them in a compost of sand, leaf mold and well-rotted manure, equal parts, with good drainage. Set the tubers one inch beneath the surface, as the roots develop near the top of the tuber. Apply tepid water freely while the plant is growing and blooming. When the first flower begins to fade cut it away with its stem close to the ground, being careful not to injure a second bud which will be found issuing from the base. When the second flower begins to fade it should be cut away also, and often a third bud will be found at the base to develop. While the second and third buds are developing, apply occasionally weak liquid manure to stimulate the growth. In summer the plant should be placed on its side upon the ground and given a period of rest for six or eight weeks. After this the plant can be shifted into a larger pot, if necessary, and started into growth again. A tuber one inch in diameter will rarely fail to bloom shortly after being repotted, and if the resting period is properly managed a plant will often bloom two or three times during the year. Tubers of blooming size, purchased in autumn and potted, will rarely fail to bloom within a few weeks after growth begins. Water sparingly at first until the plant is well rooted, then apply water more freely. The yellow Calla is just like the white Calla, except that it is of a golden color. It is known as *Richardia Elliottana*.



CALLA LILY.

For Partial Shade.—For a partially shaded situation where the ground is gravelly you can grow the various species of *Funkia* and also of *Hemerocallis*. *Dicentra Spectabilis* will also do well in a partially shaded situation where the ground is well drained. The hardy *Begonia Evansiana* likes a shady situation where it is somewhat protected from the cold winter winds and is not subjected to severe changes of temperature. Sweet Rocket is also a plant that can be grown satisfactorily in a shady situation. It does not care whether the soil is sandy or tenacious, and a bed of it will show flowers for two or three months.

Anemone Fulgens.—This is a handsome *Anemone*, hardy as far north as Pennsylvania if given a sheltered situation. It likes a sandy, well drained soil and a shady situation. A bed with a northern exposure is preferable. The flowers are bright scarlet, produced in the spring, and very handsome. The plants should be set out rather late in autumn, as the cold wind is ruinous if the foliage appears before frost. Their resting period is during June, July and August.

NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS.

WHEN GROWN in a pot this Cactus mostly blooms in summer. In winter it should be given a rather cool, retired, frost-proof place and watered just enough to keep it from shriveling. When spring comes give the pot a sunny situation in the window and increase the supply of water. If the plant is pot-bound set the pot inside of a larger pot and fill in between with *Sphagnum Moss*. Avoid watering too freely, and see that the drainage is good. Thus treated the plant should bloom during the early part of the summer. As a rule, it blooms better when pot-bound than when given plenty of room. But if the roots interfere with the drainage it is well to shift into a larger pot, providing good drainage and a very sandy compost, such as sand and leaf mold or wood's earth mixed. If the soil needs a fertilizer use bonedust, stirring it into the surface, using a teaspoonful to a four-inch pot of soil.



NIGHT-BLOOMING CEREUS

An Ammonial Fertilizer.—Where the soil seems poor and the plants are not thriving, place some pulverized horse manure, which can be obtained upon the public highway, over the surface of the soil in the pots. Everytime the soil is watered the ammonial fertilizer will be carried to the roots, and promote a thrifty growth. This is an excellent fertilizer for vines where a vigorous growth is desired. It does not promote blooming, however, but simply a growth of the foliage and stems.

Amaryllis atamasca.—This *Amaryllis* has a small bulb, and throws up a slender scape a foot high, bearing a solitary pink flower the size of a Morning Glory. The bulb should be taken up and dried off in winter, and set out in a sunny place in the garden in spring. The bulb blooms several times during the summer, the flowers appearing quickly after a rain that follows a dry spell of weather. This *Amaryllis* can also be successfully grown in a pot. Several bulbs may occupy a five-inch pot.

Fern Spores.—A subscriber complains of the little brown spots upon the underside of the fronds of her Fern. If these are regularly placed, they are the "seeds" of the Fern, known as spores. If such fronds are objectionable cut them away, as the spores are a natural product of the Fern.

Cutting Off Tops.—If the tops of Bleeding heart or *Dicentra Spectabilis* are cut away immediately after the blooming period, the plant will die. It is also injurious to *Pæonies* to cut away the tops after blooming.

CHILDREN'S LETTER



MY DEAR CHILDREN:—This is one of the fine winter days at the North. The sun is shining brightly, the air is still though crisp, and the earth is covered with a thick, snowy mantle. The sleighbells are ringing, and over by the lake the crows are gathered among the nude branches of the big trees, cawing to each other as though consulting about where they can secure food and shelter. The little winter-birds fly aimlessly about, or sit demurely in the snow, hungry and cold, and their voice is destitute of song, their only utterance being an occasional sad chirp. The sapsucker and tomtit, however, are busy searching for insects upon the trunks of trees, and the kingfisher chatters spiritedly by the stream, probably intent on enticing into view some little shiner that is lurking in the clear, icy waters of the brook. Over on a distant farm a cow is bawling, probably as a reminder that she needs food and water; and the bleating of a flock of sheep is doubtless for the same purpose. The crow of the rooster among the hens at the old stable is a cheerful challenge, and seems more musical. These are some of the sights and sounds that greet us on this bright winter's day.



COASTING.



SNOW-MAN.

The Magazine goes into many homes in the far South, where there is no snow or cold, and the children there may wonder what the little boys and girls at the North do when the ground is covered with snow. Well, they do not mind the cold as much as you might think. They are warmly clad, having good overcoats, shoes and stockings and mittens, and caps that they can turn down over their ears. And so, when snow comes they get out their little sleds and haul sister or brother along the broken paths, or go to some steep hillside and coast. This is simply riding from the top to the foot of the hill, then drawing the sled up and repeating the ride. Occasionally someone will fall off, or the sled will upset and spill the load. And occasionally some boy or girl will get hurt in the sport and sing "broad-mouth,"

but this does not interfere with the progress of the sport.

When the warm sunshine and showers indicate the approach of spring the snow becomes soft and pliable, and then the children amuse themselves by rolling up big snowballs, or fashioning snowmen and snow-women. This sport is a favorite one at the country school. After the dummy men and women are made the children have much fun in standing some distance away and throwing snowballs at the dummies, knocking off the latter's hat, ears, nose and arms, and otherwise abusing them until hardly a semblance of their form is left. It is an easy victory, as the assumed "enemy" offers no resistance.



TOMTIT.

A somewhat similar sport indulged in at school is known as snowballing. Two captains are decided on by the children, and each one of these "officers" picks the "men" for his own side, just as is done at a spelling bee. Then both sides arrange themselves some distance apart and throw snowballs at each other until one of the companies begins to retreat, when the other follows, and the snowballing gets at close range, each "man" having his rival to overcome. In this sport you are likely to hear someone singing "broad-mouth" as he gets a snowball in the eye or on the nose.



SNOW-WOMAN.

Perhaps the most common and popular of the snow sports of the boys and girls is washing faces. Usually a boy attempts to wash a girl's face with snow, and is often overpowered by the girl or several girls, and gets his own face washed thoroughly. This is a sport in which the worsted boy rarely has any sympathy shown him by either sex. He has to bear himself whatever he gets.

Skating upon the ice is altogether the most popular and fascinating of winter sports, and is entered into by old and young. To skate well requires considerable practice. Many are hurt during their first attempts, and it is a rather dangerous sport when the ice is of doubtful thickness. Two boys have been drowned in skating upon the mill-dam at La Park since I have owned it, and I do not know how many lost their lives in the same way before it came into my possession. And this is but a sample of the thousands of dams and lakes throughout the North. Your friend,



WASHING FACES.

La Park, Pa., Dec. 19, 1916. Geo. W. Park.

VALOTTA PURPUREA.

I WONDER why it is one sees so little of the beautiful old plant known as *Valotta purpurea* or Scarborough Lily. Years ago nearly every farmer's wife had one of these or rather a pot or pail full, as they increase so rapidly. Now scarcely anyone has them. While they are of the easiest culture, yet I have never succeeded with them, except in getting rid of them. At present I have two potfuls, which are slowly growing in my kitchen window. I dare not put them down cellar as most people do, they rot, or else dry up. They surely are an evergreen species, and, like all other members of the aristocratic *Amaryllis* family, require a few certain conditions to be met, or they will fade away, leaving only a sad memory. They are well worth a little trouble during the winter months, as they require absolutely none during the summer, only asking for water now and then, if the season is dry.

The bulbs never get very large, and resent being disturbed, blooming better when in a crowded state. When too crowded it is a very easy matter to detach the smaller ones, repotting them by themselves, and adding a little rich soil to the old ones. If of blooming size and not disturbed, the bulbs are sure to bloom, more so than other *Amaryllis* I know of. Two given me last summer bloomed even though disturbed—one giving six, and the other four flowers. As to color they stand in a class by themselves—like the old crimson *Pæony*. No other flower has that same brilliant shade of perfect scarlet, and an old specimen with from five to fifteen scapes at once, with four to six flowers on each scape, is something when once seen never forgotten. As with all *Amaryllis*, care must be taken during the winter months, not to water too much. A little goes a good way, and I find the safest, and in fact, only safe way to water *Amaryllis* of any kind during their dormant season, is to set the pot in a dish containing quite warm water, almost hot, and let it soak in this way, being careful not to leave it till the top is wet. A few minutes will be enough. The roots are what need water. It injures the bulb to be wet. In watering from the surface, often times, if only a little is given, the bulb gets it, and rots, and the roots remain dry. I certainly think this is why I have lost bulbs in the past. If given good drainage, bulbs watered this way, will never rot. Another thing I have learned is to use at least one-third sand, and no manure, using instead bone-meal for fertilizer. Charcoal makes ideal drainage material, and a big bagful can be bought for a few cents. Mrs. E.B. Murry.

Ballston Lake, N. Y., Dec. 2, 1916



VALOTTA PURPUREA.

PHYSOSTEGIA.

EVERY YEAR I try seeds of half a dozen plants which are new to me, and of those perennials which I most value, *Physostegia* stands among the first. The seeds germinate very freely, and the second year and forever after the tall spikes of lilac-pink blossoms gladden the hearts of passers-by, for they stand out above most other plants in great clumps, and are in bloom for a long time. I have a few white ones, for I had mixed seeds, but almost everyone seems to prefer the pink kind. I have divided and re-divided, sold and given away, and even had to dump several clumps by the roadside because I had no room for them, but I still have hundreds of stalks each year. When one is making large bouquets for hall decorations these long, straight, strong stems of flowers make an excellent backing for other and shorter stemmed kinds. Half a dozen stalks placed by themselves in a tall vase are very handsome, while in the garden they are a whole bouquet in themselves.



PHYSOSTEGIA.

Adella F. Veazie.

Knox Co., Me., Nov. 17, 1916.

Snapdragon.—I planted a packet of seeds of improved Snapdragon, and was never more pleased. The flowers come in long spikes, look like velvet, and are of so many beautiful colors. The plants bloom freely and continuously until covered with snow. They are fine. Every flower-lover ought to have a bed of them



have a bed of them

Cleveland, O., Nov. 26, 1916.

Platycodon.—This year, late in summer, I sowed seeds of *Platycodon* and soon the plants appeared. I sowed the seeds in a box, and now I have quite a number of plants. I set them out late in the fall, in the garden, and will protect them with litter, and hope to have fine flowers next summer. They are easy to raise from seeds.

Perryville, Mo., Nov. 17, 1916.

Heating a Plant-room.—Will some one give information about heating a small greenhouse or plant-room with a coal stove or a lamp? I fear the gas fumes would ruin the plants. I want to build such a greenhouse and would like to know how it can be heated without detriment to the plants.

Kingston, Okla

Mrs Holmes Willis

HIBISCUS.

HIBISCUS SINENSIS is a class of tender shrubs not as well known as they should be. Small well-rooted plants, purchased in the spring or summer, are best. Slips may be taken in August of the half ripened wood, put in sandy loam, and covered with a fruit jar. They are very slow and shy rooters, so do not expect too many of the slips to grow, or you may be disappointed. They flower freely all summer, and in time attain the dimensions of a small tree, but they can be cut back and treated like the Oleander. In winter they can either be kept in the cellar or with the other plants in the living room, where they will occasionally flower. Flowers of double varieties will often be single during winter. The leaves of all varieties are a glossy green. The double varieties are preferred. Aurantiacus is a fine double salmon color, very beautiful, and should be in every collection. The beginning of each petal is a garnet red, making the full double flower seem to have a carmine center. Peach-blow is perhaps best known, with large double flowers of a soft pink, and very free-blooming. There is also Miniatus Semi-plenus, a brilliant double scarlet, very large, and a bush in full bloom is a wonderful sight. There are a number of single varieties in various colors, but I do not think any equals the above mentioned double varieties. These three plants should be in every collection. Give the plants a good sandy loam, and their treatment in general should be like that given the Oleander. In summer place where they will get full morning sun, and they will become magnificent plants in a few years. G. P.

[Note.—One of the brightest and most free-blooming of the Chinese Hibiscus is Coccineus. The flowers are single, large, graceful, and dazzling scarlet in color. This Hibiscus is used in Florida as a hedge plant, because of its rich shining evergreen foliage and its great abundance of vivid flowers. At the north it is a most desirable window plant in winter, and blooms well bedded out in summer.—Ed.]

**HIBISCUS.**

Birdie Blye Rose.—A hardy, low-climbing Rose, a yard high, which in the latitude of Massachusetts blooms as constantly as any Tea or Hybrid Tea is Birdie Blye. Its color is satiny rose, with darker buds. The flowers are just the right size for wearing, of exquisite beauty in the half open state, and a half dozen plants will give more Roses right through the summer and fall than most people have. Although a climber, a trellis is not necessary. The only support mine has is a low stake to which the longer branches are loosely tied. One can start with one year plants very cheaply, but in this case do not look for many blooms until the second year. Chas. C. Babcock.

Westport, Mass.

CRINUM KIRKI.

AS I WAS asked to write more about Crinum Kirki, I will do so. My large bulb bloomed again in August. It sent up two flower stalks this year. It began blooming the last week in August, and is still in bloom, the 15th of October. This is now only from two flower stalks. If it had sent up three, as it did last year, it would last till Thanksgiving. I did not get all three to bloom last year, as the last one was broken off. I had it bedded out, and frost came, so I took it up. It does its growing in winter up till spring, and during summer it grows but little. I think it ripens up the bulb for blooming, as the leaves do not grow at all when it is blooming. The small bulbs also rest during summer, then in September they will start new leaves and be growing fine all winter. One lady told me she placed her C. Kirki in the cellar and it died. I know that treatment will not do for it. The flower is white, flushed wine pink, and about the size of the Lily candidum, but the petals will not recurve as much.

The Milk and Wine Lily is white, with a wine-red stripe through the center of each petal. It also bloomed this summer, but had only one flower stalk. I have had the Milk and Wine Lily longer than C. Kirki, and it never made any off-sets till this summer. Now it has three started. The bulb of this Crinum is only half as large as C. Kirki.

Keep C. Kirki growing in winter, and you will succeed with it. In summer I set the pot on the north side of the house and water as needed, as it never dies down completely.

Mrs. Kate Unverferth.

Perryville, Mo., Oct. 17, 1916.

Hyacinths.—Plant a few Hyacinths anyway, this autumn, no matter how busy you are. They are so lovely and so inexpensive. I have grown many varieties, but none finer or prettier than those received as a premium with Park's Floral Magazine. We always protect ours, as the climate is severe (western N. Y.), and we find the blooms are larger and finer by doing this. A heavy mulch of rotted manure with coarse straw serves a two-fold purpose, protection from cold and a fertilizer. Mrs. Ella F. Flanders.

DeWittville, N. Y., Aug. 15, 1916.



About Chinese Primroses.—Chinese Primroses are just the finest winter-blooming plants for people who do not have very warm houses or south windows. I got some plants last fall that produced pink and white flowers, and if I could only get blue and red ones with flowers of the same size I would certainly be pleased. The beauty of the Chinese Primroses for winter-blooming is not described in any of my catalogues, and they deserve pages devoted to them.

Oregon, Wis.

Mrs. W. R. Cox.

AMARYLLIS IN THE SOUTH.

IT SEEMS that Mrs. Murray, that charming writer on flowers, has surely said the last word on the culture of Amaryllis. But what she has written has been her experience with them in far away New York. In our latitude, I left one big Johnsonii in a good-sized nail keg, which, after the frost had nipped it, I placed in my pantry in the dining room, and did not even bother to look at it until last March, when I found a green leaf coming up. I wheeled it to the window where it got light and sunshine. I watered freely, and before long here came a big, fat bud-stalk, and oh, what a beauty it soon grew to be! No mealy bugs for me! No dry rot! It had its rest in the soil in which it grew, and it now paid me in the spring with its glorious blossoms.

Now for the other Johnsonii, which had been growing in the yard all summer. I left it in the ground, piling cotton-seed and horse manure thickly over it, and placing an old churn over that. In March I removed the churn, dug the manure and cotton seed lightly into the soil, and waited. About two weeks after my "keg-grown" Lily came up, my yard flower began to sprout, and two weeks after the first Lily had bloomed the out-door one blossomed out. But I must say that the individual flowers were not quite so large as were the in-doors one.

Mrs. Sam. Lancaster.

Paulina, S. C., Aug. 29, 1916.

Marigolds.—The Improved Dwarf French Marigolds are very desirable, both for the beauty of their bloom and the fine foliage to use in bouquets. Sweet Pea and Centaurea bouquets are much improved by the use of Marigold branches. They are as fine as Ferns, and a few mixed with blooms of Nasturtiums enhance the beauty of their colors.



TAGETES SIGNATA PUMILA.

Eliza C. Smith

North Pitcher, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1916.

[Note.—Upon the west side of a building, where there is some protection the pretty little Marigold, *Tagetes signata pumila*, is now, November 11th, a mass of golden bloom. This species has small flowers, fine foliage, and a more refined fragrance than the others. It is everblooming, and does not mind sun or drought. It is one of the most showy and desirable of annuals for edgings or borders, and should be more popular.—Ed.]

Cleome Gigantea.—I had a bed of Electric Light Plants (*Cleome*) this year, and how beautiful they were all summer, and they still have some blossoms. They grew four feet high by my yard fence, bloomed continuously, and were admired by everyone. They also endured the dry summer weather well.

Mrs. Aug. Yager.

Gibson Co., Ind., Nov. 7, 1916.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

BY ALL MEANS have some hardy Chrysanthemums. They do better if each is set out separately, and kept pinched back until July first. They will form

strong, stout plants. I had some long, weak-looking plants given me. I dug a hole, put the roots in with plenty of water around, then placed the plant-stem around and pinned it down with tooth-picks. I left just about three inches of stalk and leaves out, covered the roots and bent stem with dirt, and



HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUM.

in a short time the plants looked strong and healthy. I kept pinching out the top, and they made good stocky branches.

Aunt Nan.

Winchester, Ky.

To Promote Blooming:—To promote blooming I cut my Perennial Larkspurs back to the ground as soon as the first crop begins to fade. By this means I am enabled to get three crops of bloom. I do the same with Sweet Williams, removing the tops as soon as the first clusters are through blooming and are developing seeds. The result is I get a second crop of Sweet Williams in one season. The blooming season of many other perennial flowers is thus prolonged. I had some Poppies that were beautiful, and after the flowers were picked I cut them down to within six or eight inches of the ground. They branched out again and bloomed nicely in the fall. The secret is in preventing the seeds from maturing. When a plant once matures its seeds, it dies.

Louise S. Floyd.

Portage Co., Ohio, Nov. 9, 1916.

Coleus.—I had a large-leaved Coleus, green spotted crimson, that filled a window, and ripened some seeds. They grew easily, and are mostly like the old plant. A few are better, having white in the center of the leaf, and more shades of red and yellow. One plant had leaves of pale green with white center; others had leaves clear dark red; others, leaves one-half red and the rest green, but most of the plant handsomely spotted in various colors.

N. Pitcher, N. Y., Nov. 13, 1916. E. C. Smith.

Clarkia.—I want to tell the friends what success I had with Clarkia seeds. The flowers are surely lovely, and the plants are so easily grown from seeds sown in the spring. Mine were pink and white, double, and the plants appeared like bushes covered with exquisite rosettes. I intend to plant some every year.

Mrs. C. Throckmorton.

Montgomery Co., O., Nov. 10, 1916.



WHEN GRANPY TALKED TO COUSIN EEL.

'Twas fine to see the folks come in
As they were want to do,
At Granpy's house to pass an hour, to spend a [day
Or stay a week or two.
But the pleasantest one of all the lot
Was Granpy's Cousin Eel,
And when he'd come on autumn nights
How mighty glad I'd feel.

The queerest man was Cousin Eel;
He was tall and rather thin,
And had the very drollest air
And whiskers on his chin.
But I needn't keep my eyelids down
A counting up to ten,
Or hear the owls or whip-poor-wills
A-hollowing in the glen,

Nor listen to the baying
Of the hounds in Kinney's wood,
Nor wonder if I'd been all day
So very, very good.
On the old square stand was cider,
And a brand new pumpkin pie,
And a plate all full of Roman-knights
A-heaped up red and high.

And Cousin he would help himself
To an apple none to small,
And slowly round, his knife would go,
And I'd watch the red rind fall,
And make a big red letter S
Upon the gray hearthstone;
I knew that stood for story,
With a splendor of its own.

Sometimes they'd speak of women
Who were prettier they'd declare,
Before they took to primping so,
To make themselves look fair.
How their Grandma,—think o' that!
If called at dead of night,
To nurse the sick again to health
Would kindle a torch light,

And walk thru miles and miles of woods,
Hear wolves and panthers scream,
But they never came to harm Grandma
For that torch's blessed gleam.
How famous was their Granpy
For his repartee and wit,
Who drank his whiskey from a gourd,
And never worked a bit.

But he loved to hunt and fish
And rout King George's men,
Then home once more with Indian friends
To hunt and fish again.
And how he shot a great big bear
That had climbed into a tree,—
And that was, true, the last big bear
That was killed in our county.

My Granpy was a soldier,
And had known strife and care;
So he would speak of Gettysburg,
And the frightful carnage there.
And he would tell of Vicksburg,
Where Grant had penned up Lee,
And say how he'd marched with Sherman's men
From Atlanta to the sea.

Then they'd tell ghost stories
And make them all come right;
For 'twas always some white pig or cow
That made folks die of fright.
You never could imagine,
How mighty glad I'd feel
When Granpy'd draw his chair up close
To talk to Cousin Eel.

Then the room it would grow misty
And for once I felt no ire,
When Granpy'd scatter ashes
On the pretty coals of fire.
Twenty years or more have flown,
But I know how glad I'd feel,
If I could hear my Granpy
Talk again to Cousin Eel.
Athens Co., Ohio. Bessie M. Groslene.

LEGEND OF THE LILIES TEARS.

The Lily once was very proud,
And also very fair;
She shed abroad her sweet perfume
Upon the summer air.

Within the garden where she grew,
In haughty pride she stood,
When the Creator came to view
The beauteous sisterhood,

The other flowers bowed their heads
And knelt there by her side,
And then the Lord beheld her there
And rebuked her for her pride.

Thus by the Lord rebuked, 'tis said,
She wept for many hours,
And humbly bowed her graceful head
Among the other flowers.

Oh, that was many years ago,
And still the years go by,
But the Lily ever bows her head
With tear drops in her eye.
Stewartsville, Ind. Mrs. Rosie Quarles.

THE AMAZONS.

"A woman dressed in man's clothing is an abomination
unto the Lord."

Afar the troops came plunging on,
To meet the foe unseen;
Beyond the woods, in thick ambush,
The stalwart soldiers screen
Themselves, with bated breath;
Who shall meet death?

Soldiers! Are they? The word conveys
The might of worthy men
With blazing eye, yet steady hand,
Uplift to strike, and strike again;
But what are these—this little band
Of men-clad souls—(with bated breath)?
Shall these strike death?

And now the enemy draws nigh,
But the keen eye of General sees
Beyond the outer garb of these
Who crouch—the lambs are drest as wolves,
Woman's law is broken—hold your breath—
Shall these meet death?

Pittston, Pa. Anna W. Law

THE BOOK OF REMEM- BRANCE.

Here close-lidded, lies the book
Of remembrance. Come, we'll look.
Page one: Each there fondly swore
We through long ages would adore,
Never to forget; but turn one leaf,
To see how frail the vow, and brief!
Shelbyville, Ind. Alonzo Leora Rice.

YOUR BIRTHDAY GARLAND.

I will take of the love you have given
 And mould a golden frame;
 It shall be for a Birthday garland,
 On it I will weave your name.
 I will weave it of flowers you've scattered
 Of Roses of pink, white and red;
 They shall stand for the smiles you have given,
 And the comforting words you have said.

The Sunflowers are symbols of sunshine
 You have shed upon sunless ways,
 When blue skies obscured by dark clouds
 Made gloomy and cheerless the days.
 Forget-me-nots are for remembrance,
 For not once did you ever forget,
 To comfort and cheer meeting friends,
 No matter how often you met.

The leaves, so profuse, are for kindness
 Leaves ever that stay fresh and green,
 Though seemingly withered and dried,
 They live in our hearts all unseen;
 The Lilies are for your sweet influence,
 That is always pure, fragrant and white.
 And this is your Birthday garland,
 I hope I have woven it right.

I must add just a few little lines,—
 My wishes to you on the day,
 That this may be brightest and best
 That has come to you on life's way.
 May your Roses be shorn of all thorns,
 And may every soft zephyr that blows,
 Bring a fragrance as peaceful and sweet
 As the heart of a great fragrant Rose.

Chattanooga, Tenn. Mrs. Blanche C. Patterson.

"A WITCHING BRUNETTE."

My love is a witching brunette,
 With step like the airy gazelle's;
 Once seen, who could ever forget!

Her eyes are the deepest of jet;
 One glance to my memory tells
 My love is a witching brunette.

And out of their windows they let
 Disdain, that delusion dispels;
 Once seen, who could ever forget!

Her hair shames the raven; as yet,
 Each tress at confinement rebels:
 My love is a witching brunette.

Like Cupid's own bow where hath met
 Her lips; there the nightingale dwells:
 Once seen, who could ever forget!

Can ballade or ode pay the debt,
 Or rondels with gay villanelles?
 My love is a witching brunette;
 Once seen, who could ever forget!

Shelbyville, Ind. Alonzo Rice.

PRAYER.

Air:—Jesus Lover of my Soul.

Gentle Jesus, hear my prayer,
 Rising upward, for Thy care;
 Listen to my pleading heart,
 Of thy care give me a part;
 Faith and courage to me give,
 Helping me to rightly live,
 Walking in thy ways of peace,
 And true love, and joy increase.

When I lay me down to sleep,
 The lone, last sleep, that's still and deep,
 Raise me in thy folding arms,
 Far beyond the earth's alarms,
 To where loving ones I'll see,
 And with them I'll dwell with Thee;
 Safe at home, all grieving past,
 In the Father's House at last.

Cumb. Co., Pa. Ola Osmond.

WILD SUNFLOWERS.

Golden-circled faces turning to the sun,
 As he wends his silent way across a sky of blue;
 Massing brilliant phalanxes, smiling everyone,
 "Friends," they say, "A greeting here, I tender
 unto you."

In the morning's stillness, sentinels they stand,
 And bow and beckon joyously in the prairie wind;
 Blending in the sunshine of our Texas land,
 Gold and green contrasted well, in the scene out-
 lined.

Lovelier than thy sister of the cultured class,
 A crown of glimmering glory o'er a wall of green;
 Faces multitudinous nod to all who pass,
 Hiding far beneath them the ugly and the mean.

Bright flower, the air is sweeter, wher'er you chance
 to be;
 You purify the atmosphere and add a golden
 sheen;
 Your smiles and beauty rare are surely meant for me,
 And birds and bees and children, too, love thee
 well, I ween.

San Antonio, Tex. Mrs. Sabina E. Hood.

A WITHERED ROSE.

Ah, faded emblem of the past:
 Thou tiny, fragrant, withered Rose,
 Why will your tender fragrance last
 To haunt me with thy memories old?

Long years ago, when youth held sway,
 And sorrow was as yet unknown,
 At the cottage there by Cedar Bay,
 I saw you first, a bud half blown.

And he who placed you in my hand
 And bade me always think of him,
 Has gone to a brighter, better land,
 Where fairer flowers than Roses bloom.

Yet you are with me, little Rose,
 When he who gave me thee, is gone.
 Were you left here to council me
 By thy sweet breath, to still strive on?

[Bay Springs, Ark. Irvine Grammer.

MORE TRUE THAN HE KNEW.

He saw the lady sprung from Ham,
 But so removed was she
 That color of her ancient sire
 None in her face could see.

He wrote a note and called her dear—
 My dear Miss So and So;
 With compliments he begged that she
 To church with him would go.

She answered perk, and to the point,
 "No, sir. If I may speak,
 It seems that Gallant would a girl
 Of his own color seek."

"What does she mean? the saucy Bess!"
 In angry tones said he;
 "The fact remains as plain as day,
 That I'm as white as she."

Bonnywicket, 1916. Frank M. Beverly.

A WOMAN'S WAY.

God made the moon to rule the night,
 But she will have a woman's way,
 And does things merely out of spite,
 And shines in broadest day!

Shelbyville, Ind. Alonzo Rice.

FLORAL NOTES.

Nasturtiums.—These are my favorite flowers. From a packet of Trailing Nasturtiums, I have seven distinct colors. They are still blooming freely. They branched out, covering a space of four feet each way. They are no trouble if properly worked while young, to keep the weeds down. Just an ordinary soil, rich and heavy, suits them. Ella V. Smith.

White Co., Ark., Nov. 14, 1916.

Snapdragon.—Last spring I planted Snapdragon, and in a few weeks the plants were a mass of bloom of many colors, some being a delicate pink much admired. Some grew two and a half feet high, and continued to bloom after hard frosts. The flowers were very fragrant, and I picked the last of them the middle of October. This was the first time I ever raised them, but surely will not be the last.

Mrs. J. D. Martin.

Omro, Wis., Nov. 13, 1916.

Impatiens.—The hybrid varieties of Impatiens do well for me out-doors. I had a bed of them last summer, and it was beautiful. In the window, however, the plants are not satisfactory. They are covered with buds, but as soon as partly open the buds



drop off.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 28, 1916.

Canna.—I planted a 5-cent packet of Canna seeds in February and kept the box under the heating stove for three weeks. After scalding the seeds several times a great many germinated, and in June the plants were in bloom, and continued so until old Jack Frost took them. I now have a fine lot of roots. The flowers were red, yellow and spotted, and all were large, of the kinds called Orchid-flowering.

Mrs. B. F. Sampson.

Columbus, O., Nov. 19, 1916.

Godetia.—The Godetia, "Marchioness of Salisbury," has proved to be a fine cut flower, much to my surprise. The flowers are crimson, edged white, large and handsome. They lasted in water almost three weeks. The undeveloped buds open out very large, and they keep opening in water until the leaves have withered and fallen off the plants.

F. C. McKinney.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 14, 1916.

Balsams.—The Balsams are so lovely! When set out right they look like small trees, each branch loaded with double blossoms of every color. When the flowers are put in a shallow dish of water they are so pretty. The very double ones look like Roses. We always try to have Balsams.

Mrs. W. L. Taylor.

Denmark, Nebr., Nov. 10, 1916.



Alyssum Saxatile.—I thought my Perennial Alyssum was pretty when it bloomed for the first time last year, but this season it was beautiful. The plants were almost twenty-two inches high by actual measurement, and they were a sheet of golden bloom for several weeks in spring and early summer. "Basket of Gold" is certainly a fitting name for this lovely plant.



ALYSSUM SAXATILE.

A. E. McLaughlin.

Norfolk Co., Mass., Nov. 3, 1916.

Angel's Trumpets.—Brugmansia, or Angel's Trumpets, were things of beauty and summer joys here at St. Frances Farm in the early mornings and throughout the nights of July and August. Their perfume was as sweet as that of southern Jessamines.

Mrs. E. J. Brewster.

Myndus, N. M., Nov. 20, 1916.

Gloxinias.—The Gloxinias I got last spring were fine. I had one stalk that had 13 flowers and a number of buds at the same time. They were admired by all. Later I sold the plant and got a good price for it. I shall want some more Gloxinias next spring.

Stella G. Weber.

Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 10, 1916.

Dahlias from Seeds.—My best investment last year was in two packets of Dahlia seeds, half of which were sown in late March and planted in the open a month later. Out of over a dozen plants no two were alike, and all were valuable. One flaming scarlet Cactus was as fine as the named sorts; and the most vigorous, a Pompom or Jewel type of ball shape, was a bright Geranium red.



Will Thompson.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 10, 1916.

A Flower Bed.—A very pretty flower bed is made with Verbenas for a center and Sweet Alyssum for a border. Mine was the prettiest bed I had late in the season. In late October, after hard frosts, it still blossomed bravely. The honey bees worked on the Sweet Alyssum, and if one bent their head just a little the fragrance was the same as honey.

Mrs. Betts.

Webster, S. D., Nov. 14, 1916.

Canterbury Bells.—My bed of Canterbury Bells is greatly admired. The blue and white ones, especially, remain in bloom nearly all summer, and are fine for cutting, as they will last two weeks in water, if kept fresh. I have a splendid lot of plants ready for next year's blooming.

H. G. Lepard.

Attica, O., Nov. 13, 1916.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl 11 years old, and every 11 years my birthday falls on Easter Sunday, so of course I was 11 this Easter. Candace my sister and Thurman my brother are twins; when they were babies they took the prize at the baby show. I love flowers and I have a garden of my very own; my Radishes and Brussel's Sprouts are up, my Onions are not but they will come soon. I have both yellow and purple Violets in my Garden. We have been taking your Magazine for a long time. I'm just getting over a sick spell, and so I sit and read the Children's Corner. Mamma has all kinds of flowers, and I love the Roses most of all.

Beechview, Pgh., Pa.

Cecil Baman.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am nine years old and in the fifth grade. We have three cows, one calf and two horses. I have a pet hen named Blackie. A hail storm passed through here and destroyed all of our crops.

Mabel H. Huddleston.

Goodview, Va., R. 1, Box 34, Aug. 10, 1916.

Dear Mr. Park:—Here is a riddle: Higher than a house, higher than a tree, oh! whatever can that be? A star.

Anna Lee.

Bradish, Neb., Aug. 17, 1916.

Cucumber Boats.—Country boys might send poor children of the city, old cucumbers to make into boats.—Alice Douglas, Me.

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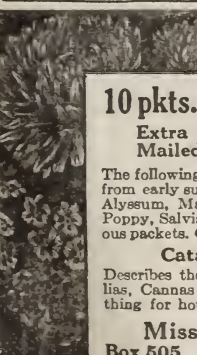
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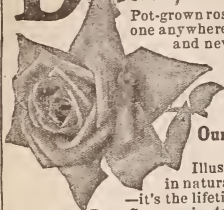
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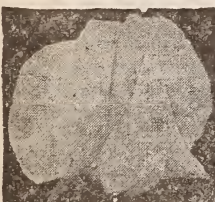
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And sweet to lay aside our worldly cares,
And take a stroll with angels hovering near,
While seemingly with mother at our prayer,
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And by this thought, thro' joy there comes a tear.

And sweet to feel the soul is always blest.
And lay aside all prejudice therefore;
To be content and know that all is well.
In peace with self and all, there comes a spell
When one can have full love, joy and perfect rest.

And sweet to think we know whence come the flow-
Which beautify this world for you and me; [ers,
For did the seeds not fall from Eden's bowers,
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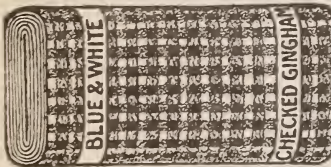
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Camille Howard.

New Lebanon, Ind., Aug. 14, 1916.

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Mrs. Chas. Lewis, Rockdale, Tex., has seeds and cuttings to exchange. Exchange lists.

Mrs. L. V. Bosworth, Geyserville, Calif., will exchange seeds or slips. Exchange lists.

Mrs. J. D. Williams, Santa Ysabel, Calif., has bulbs and plants to exchange. Exchange lists.

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Whitt, Texas, June 11, 1916.

JIMMIE.

Jimmie was sitting on his doorstep when a crowd of boys passed, going fishing. Jimmie jumped up and went into the sitting-room where his mother was dusting.

"Mother, may I go fishing down on Leary's lake?" he said.

"No dear," answered his mother. But after a bit of arguing, Mrs. White said Jimmie could go. So she fixed him a lunch, and he started off.

He had not gone far when he heard a wood-cutter chopping trees. He asked him for a pole, which the wood-cutter gave to him. Then he walked on until he came to the lake. He threw his line, then drew it up and discovered he had no bait. He started to cry, but that would do him no good, so he caught some grass-hoppers, and threw in again, and caught a craw-fish. He threw his line again, and it caught under a rock, then he fell in. The lake was deep, and Jimmie crawled out wet and muddy.

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Dear Mr. Park:—I am a boy 13 years of age. We live about 30 miles from Jefferson City. I go to school every day I can, and am in the 4th grade. I weigh 100 pounds and am still gaining. I love to read and write. I think your Magazine fine.
Leo W. Nickamp.

Rich Fountain, Mo., June 20, 1916.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a lover of flowers and birds. My little brother saves every bird's nest he finds empty. We live three miles from school, and my brother and I will drive there this session. I went to a Baptist Association two days this month; I enjoyed it very much. My grandfather organized the church. It is called Beach Spring.
Claudia B. Ashby.

Bronson, Va., Aug. 28, 1916.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a country girl 12 years old, and go to school. I also like to go to Sunday School. My teacher's name is Mrs. Leininger. I have one brother 21 years old. We live seven miles from Rochester, Ind., and our nearest railroad station is Athens, Ind., which is three miles away. I have a pet dog, two pet chickens and a pig.
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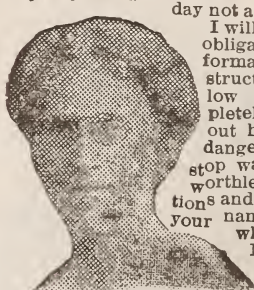
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Dr. King, a New York physician and author, when interviewed on the subject, said: "There can be no vigorous iron men without iron. Pallor means anemia. Anemia means iron deficiency. The skin of anemic men and women is pale. The flesh flabby. The muscles lack tone; the brain fags and the memory fails and often they become weak, nervous, irritable, despondent and melancholy. When the iron goes from the blood of women, the roses go from their cheeks,

In the most common foods of America, the starches, the corn meal, table sugars, candles, biscuits, white bread, soda crackers, biscuit, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina, degerminated cornmeal, no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cookery, by throwing down the waste pipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked, are responsible for another grave iron loss.

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How the bitter truth oppressed me,
That with daylight's risen beams,
In your arms I should not rest me,
Waking from the sweetest dreams.

Came ere long fond recollections,
As the cloud-rack rolled away;
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QUESTIONS.

Flower-growing in Texas.—Will some Texas readers advise us how to grow flowers in this State—handling of soils, etc.? The soil here is different from that to which I have been accustomed.—Mrs. Phelps, Texas.

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EXCHANGES.

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Mrs. Mary Nims, 2512 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, Mo., has seeds to exchange. Exchange lists.

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M. SeeKamp.

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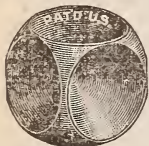
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Chapter VIII.

ON THE TRAIN.

"Let me hold him?" asked Betty of Mrs. La Von, as they were seated for breakfast.

Mrs. La Von smilingly handed Betty her infant son James.

"You dear little creature," said Betty, as she took the baby.

"He's like my little bruvver," said Joyce, admiring the baby.

Mrs. Perkins and the baby's mother soon became interested in one another.

Betty was holding the squirming baby as he hit the table vigorously with a spoon.

Now James had not the least intention of making trouble, but he did. As quick as a flash he put his tiny but chubby hands in Betty's cocoa, and the cocoa soon was all over Betty and James.

"Oh, you naughty baby!" cried out Mrs. La Von, taking her son in her arms.

"Poor little fellow, he couldn't help it," said Betty's mother, smiling, for indeed everybody in the dining car was amused.

"Well, James, you now deserve a bath, and then to sleep you go," said the little mother, talking to her ungracious son.

"I will see you later, then, Mrs. La Von," said Betty. "I must change my dress, too."

"And I will be in our coach reading," said Betty's mother.

"And me will be playing with Frank," said Joyce, thinking it was her turn.

An hour soon passed, and baby James had long been in dreamland. Betty was watching out of the window. All of the mountains had disappeared, and now they were travelling in the central states. In the distance sheep were grazing in vast fields; also, large farms with people working in the fields could be seen.

When nearing a large city, smoke stacks and tall buildings could be viewed from the car window. Then Mrs. La Von came and said it was delightful on the observation car. But Mrs. Perkins preferred to stay where she was, so Betty went. After they had sat there for some time, Betty asked of her friend: "Are you a relation of Jack La Von?"

She turned around and looked at Betty in amazement and asked: "Do you know him?"

Betty then handed her a tiny bit of paper. She read and reread it. "Why, Betty, I don't understand," she said at last.

"Well," said Betty, "I will tell you." She told how when June and she were playing together in the brook they found a bottle with that note in it. She had kept it, and also kept it a secret.

"Yes," said Mrs. La Von, when Betty had finished, "he is a relation to me. I'll tell you all

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"What is his name?" asked Betty.

"James Conley."

"James Conley!" exclaimed Betty. "Why, he is one of New York's millionaires."

"Well, he is my father," said Mrs. La Von.

"Can it be possible that you were Elnora Conley?"

"Yes, Betty, and I'm just like other persons."

Betty did not answer, but thought of the many times Elnora Conley, the society belle, would head the column of society notes in the daily papers.

She continued: "I had been used to all the luxury any girl ever had. Of course, for a time I was unhappy, but Maurice furnished a darling little home, and we were happy. Maurice's parents had refused to let him come home, so we got along as best we could. Maurice was editor of a weekly paper, and spare times he would write.

"When James arrived we sent the announcement to my father, and he came instantly to see us, and now everything is all right with him. He adores James, too. Of course, Maurice's parents received an announcement. They replied and acted just like father. That is where we are going now. Father is building us a home on Mandala Drive while we are gone."

"Mandala Drive!" cried Betty. "That is where my home is."

"It is? Why, Betty, I do believe it is next to your home," said Mrs. La Von. "Is it called Sunny Brook?"

"Yes," answered Betty, "and father was telling us that a lovely new home was going to be erected next to us."

"Oh! I am so glad," said Mrs. La Von.

"Are you travelling alone?" asked Betty.

"I'll finish my story," she answered.

"So you see Jack is my brother-in-law, for he is Maurice's brother, and Maurice went on ahead on the early train, for he has business in B—, and then he will travel with us from there on."

"Why, B— is our next stop," said Betty.

"Oh! I am glad, for we never have been separated so long before."

Just then Joyce came running through the car, crying out: "Baby is awake, he cried very hard."

"All right, dear, I'll come," said Mrs. La Von, giving the tiny bit of paper to Betty; and then they went into the car after the little mite of humanity that made his father and mother once more welcome into the homes of their parents.

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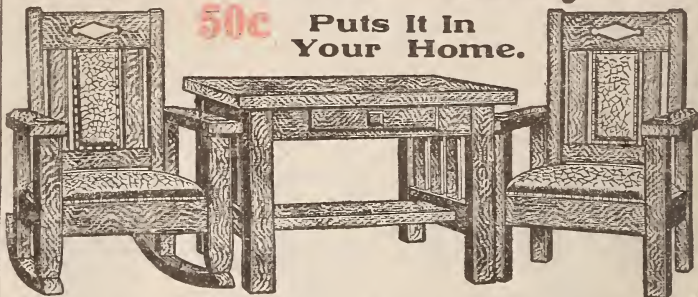
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